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INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2643, the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

Joint Meetings

PIPELINE POLITICS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine pipeline politics, focusing on conflict prevention and the security of supply and transit of oil and natural gas, after receiving testimony from Gregory Manuel, Special Advisor to the Secretary and International Energy Coordinator, Steven R. Mann, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs, and Matthew Bryza, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, all of the Department of State; Alan Hegburg, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs; Yasar Aliyev, Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Azerbaijan; Mikhail Khvostov, Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Belarus; Keith C. Smith, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Pierre Noel, University of Cambridge Judge Business School, Cambridge, England.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine ending mortgage abuse, focusing on safeguarding homebuyers, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to continue hearings to examine health care and the budget, focusing on the Healthy Americans Act and other options for reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the impact of media violence on children, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the preparedness of the federal land management agencies for the 2007 wildfire season and efforts to contain the costs of wildfire management activities, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine Smithsonian Institution governance reform, focusing on a report by the Smithsonian's Independent Review Committee, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider original bills entitled, "Entrepreneurial Development Act of 2007", "Small Business Venture Capital Act of 2007", and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to mark up S. 1547, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and S. 1548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, 1:30 p.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on structure, process and tools for improving Department of Defense Management, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on findings of the Independent Review Group and an in-progress review of actions at Walter Reed, 1 p.m., 2218 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle Program, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Foreign Holdings of U.S. Debt: Is Our Economy Vulnerable? 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Predatory Sales Practices in Medicare Advantage," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following measures: H.R. 2547, FDIC Enforcement Enhancement Act; H. Con. Res. 140, Recognizing the low presence of minorities in the Financial services industry and minorities and women in upper level positions of management, and expressing the sense of the Congress that active measures should be taken to increase the demographic diversity of the financial services industry; and H.R. 2786, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing entitled "A Review of Investor Protection and Market Oversight With the Five Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 176, Shirley A. Chisholm United States-Caribbean Educational Exchange Act of 2007; H.R. 1400, Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007; Food Security and Agricultural Development Act of 2007; H.R. 2003, Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007; H. Res. 121, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Force's coercion of young women into sexual slavery, known to the world as "comfort women," during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II; H.R. 2798, To reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; H.R. 2293, To require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde; the Library of Congress Public Diplomacy Collection Act of 2007; S. 377, U.S.-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Act of 2007; H. Res. 208, Honoring Operation Smile in the 25th anniversary year of its founding; H. Res. 287, To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first use of the name "America," H. Res. 294, Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women's Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights; H. Res. 378, Honoring World Red Cross Red

Crescent Day; H. Res. 380, Resolution commending Idaho on winning the bid to host the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games; H. Res. 426, Recognizing 2007 as the Year of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia, and offering support for efforts to ensure that the internally displace people of Colombia receive the assistance and protection they need to rebuild their lives successfully; H. Res. 427, Urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt; H. Res. 457, Calling on the Russian Federation to withdraw its military forces, armaments, and ammunition stockpiles from the sovereign territory of the Republic of Moldova; H. Res. 467, Condemning the decision by the University and College Union of the United Kingdom to support a boycott of Israeli academia; H. Res. 482, Expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland; H. Res. 497, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release from custody the children of Rebiya Kadeer and Canadian citizen Huseyin Celil and should refrain from further engaging in acts of cultural, linguistic, and religious suppression directed against the Uyghur people; H. Res. 500, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in opposition to efforts by major natural gas exporting countries to establish a cartel or other mechanism to manipulate the supply of natural gas to the world market for the purpose of setting an arbitrary and nonmarket price or as an instrument of political pressure; and H. Con. Res. 136, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan; and H. Con. Res. 139, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should address the ongoing problem of untouchability in India, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Violence in Central America, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the National Football League's System for Compensating Retired Players: An Uneven Playing Field? 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on Habeas Corpus and Detention at Guantanamo Bay, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Laws—the Issues, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on The Bird and The Bees: How Pollinators Help Maintain Healthy Ecosystems, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Adequacy of Labor Law Enforcement in New Orleans, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on 2010 Census: Improving Local Government Participation in LUCA, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2829, making appropriations for financial services and general government

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on SBIR and STTR—How Are the Programs Managed Today? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2722, Integrated Deepwater Reform Act; and H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Benefits of Intercity Passenger Rail, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Safe and Sensible: Ensuring Kidney Patients Receive Safe and Appropriate Anemia Management Care, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider Member Requests, 5:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, executive, briefing on the Office of the Department of Defense Inspector General, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical, executive, hearing on Technical Programs, 4 p.m., H-405 Capitol.